



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	18 VAC 85-120-10 et seq.
Regulation title	Regulations Governing the Licensure of Athletic Trainers
Action title	Change in regulatory status from Certification to Licensure
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Chapter 669 of the 2004 Acts of the Assembly amended §§ 54.1-2957.4, 54.1-2957.5 and 54.1-2957.6 changing the level of regulation for athletic trainers from mandatory certification to licensure. The second enactment clause requires the Board of Medicine to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment. Since the amendments adopted by the Board simply change the word “certification” to “licensure” throughout the regulation and do not revise any current requirements, the agency is adopting under an exemption from provisions of the Administrative Process Act pursuant to § 2.2-4006 A 4, which grants an exemption if the action is: “Necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.”

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact of this action on the institution of the family and family stability.